

NAVY OPENS BIDS FOR BIG WARSHIPS

Takes First Step in Huge Building Program Authorized by Congress.

NAMES NOT SELECTED YET

The Navy Department took the first step today toward placing under contract for construction the huge building program authorized by Congress this year—the largest single order for fighting craft ever advertised by any nation.

Of the fifty-eight ships to be laid down in 1917, the department was prepared to examine today bids for four battleships and twenty destroyers. Bids for four scout cruisers and twenty submarines will be opened next week, and in December offers for the construction of four battle cruisers will be received.

Under the terms of the naval bill all the 1917 ships must be constructed for or work on their construction in government yards begun before February 1. Construction of a hospital ship, fuel ship and a gunboat already has been started at the navy yards at Philadelphia, Boston and Charleston, respectively.

The four battleships will be the first of the United States Navy to carry sixteen-inch rifles in their main batteries. Each will be equipped with eight of these big guns—the heaviest known to have been placed aboard warcraft, although it is currently reported that Great Britain is preparing to arm an experimental ship with eighteen-inch rifles.

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Until names have been selected the ships will be known as Nos. 45, 46, 47 and 48. They will be similar in appearance and general design to the battleships Tennessee and California, now under construction, but will be 600 tons heavier in displacement, totaling 32,600 tons. The additional tonnage is due to more torpedo protection and side armor.

The ships are expected to have a cruising radius of nearly 7,000 sea miles without refueling. They will have the steam-electric drive and make at least twenty-one knots. In addition to the sixteen-inch rifles the new ships will carry eighteen five-inch torpedo defense guns, four of the new high-range, three-inch anti-aircraft guns and the usual equipment of torpedo tubes. Their main batteries will be mounted two guns to a turret, departing from the three-gun turret construction on the Pennsylvania and later ships.

The scout cruisers will be the first scouts, designed for that work alone, to be added to the navy. The old light cruisers Salem, Chester and Birmingham, known as scout cruisers, have not the speed necessary for modern scouts. The scouts will make a sustained speed of thirty-five knots an hour. They will look like big destroyers and be nearly six times as large as the greatest torpedo craft, displacing 7,100 tons and having a cruising radius of 3,000 miles. The mass of machinery necessary to drive them at express train speed will be covered by light armor. They will carry eight long-range six-inch rifles, two three-inch anti-aircraft guns and four torpedo tubes. The most striking new feature of the ships will be the installation of catapult devices, which will permit the launching of hydroplanes in any weather. Each scout will be fitted to carry four aircraft, to extend her range of observation.

Will Have Speed of 35 Knots.

The twenty new destroyers will be virtually the same in design as the latest craft of the type laid down, except that they will have a maximum speed under full load of thirty-five knots an hour, an increase of nearly five knots over the present high-speed mark of the American fleet. The boats are expected to be as fast as any destroyer afloat. They will carry four four-inch guns each, two three-inch anti-aircraft guns and four triple torpedo tubes, giving each boat a broadside fire of twelve twenty-one-inch torpedoes, the most deadly naval weapons ever devised.

Of the thirty submarines, twenty-seven will be of the coast defense type, substantially similar to the large boats now in commission. Improvements and refinements of design have been made, but in the main the present type has been duplicated in the interest of speedy construction. They will have a cruising radius of 1,000 miles and have a maximum speed of 17 knots. The other three submarines will vary in size between 500 and 1,200 tons. Each will be essentially different in type from the others as it is planned to make them experimental fleet submarines to accompany the battle fleet on the high seas. The sea-going qualities of each will be appraised to determine a fixed type later for American fleet submarines, nine of which, in all, are included in the three-year program.

The hospital ship will be the first vessel of its type in the American Navy, built especially for her work. She will displace 2,800 tons and have accommodations for 500 patients. Her equipment will include the latest word in medicine. The vessel will be 460 feet long and have a speed of sixteen knots.

The fuel ship will be similar to the tankers now in the navy service, with a capacity of 2,500 tons of oil fuel and equipment for refueling battleships at sea in any but the roughest weather. The gunboat will be similar to those designed for tropical service, carrying three four-inch guns, four machine rifles and two field pieces for landing operations.

The new battleships will each require an estimated complement of 1,822 officers and men, the scouts 239 each and the destroyers 35.

BLACKMAILERS OBTAINED \$21,500 AT ATLANTIC CITY

Further Details of "Syndicate's" Country-Wide Operations Revealed in New York.

NEW YORK, October 25.—Further details of the operations of the alleged country-wide "blackmail syndicate," which the authorities assert was conducted in connection with the Mann white slave act, were disclosed here Monday night, when the charges against James A. Brown, a restaurant owner of Brooklyn, arrested Saturday night, were made public. A formal complaint accusing Brown of being a fugitive from justice from New Jersey alleged that he, Edward Donohue and William Butler impersonated government officers at Atlantic City September 30, 1915, "so as to defraud a certain person whose name at the present time is withheld for public policy."

Chief Office of the New York office of the Department of Justice said that he had information that several alleged blackmailers had "cleared up" \$21,500 in Atlantic City.

Donohue and Butler are held in Tombs prison awaiting trial on similar charges. Homer T. French, another member of the alleged "syndicate," pleaded guilty of extorting \$15,000 from Alfred L. West, a tea and coffee merchant, and was sentenced to eighteen months in the federal prison at Atlanta.

Gravel Caves In; Five Are Killed.

BARTON, Ala., October 25.—Four white men and a negro were killed at a gravel pit one mile from here yesterday, when several tons of sand caved in and crushed them to death.

COLONEL APPEALS TO DENVER WOMEN

Tells Them the President Has Debauched the United States Civil Service.

COMMENDS SWISS SYSTEM

DENVER, Col., October 25.—Pleas for universal military training and criticism of President Wilson for "debauchery of the civil service" characterized the address here last night by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, the principal one of a trio of speeches made in the course of his one-day stay in Denver. Col. Roosevelt urged that compulsory training would redound to the benefit of the nation by increasing democracy, developing American youth physically and mentally and aiding the country's social and industrial development. His criticism of President Wilson included a declaration that the executive had "exchanged offices for political support."

Col. Roosevelt advocated repeal of the Hay military bill and the restoration of the militia to its former status. He cited Switzerland's development as an instance of what compulsory military training would do in developing a country "physically, mentally and morally."

Makes Appeal to the Women.

The colonel divided his afternoon speech, which primarily was to the women of the state, between an appeal to them to vote for Charles E. Hughes for President and a sharp criticism of the administration's foreign and Mexican policies. He declared the passage of a constitutional amendment enfranchising women was the most practical and expedient goal for the suffragists now and he urged Mr. Hughes would maintain his announced stand in favor of this amendment.

The colonel participated in three parades through the business section; one in the morning on his arrival, one in the afternoon, when a committee of republican women escorted him to the auditorium for his speech, and a "red fire demonstration" at night. Late in the afternoon he spoke briefly to the members of the "Hughes women's special" campaign party.

Would Have Stopped Germans.

The colonel told the women's meeting that if he had been President and had sent President Wilson's "strict accountability" message to Germany "there would have been no more ships sunk—unless there was a fight afterward. The Lusitania was sunk, with its 1,384 deaths as a consequence, because other nations believed we'd welcome being kept out of war. If I had been President then I'd have seized every interned German ship and then I'd have said to Germany, 'Now we'll see not what you are going to give us as compensation for this, but what we are going to give you.'"

"I abhor unjust, wanton war. But if it were necessary to protect our women and children I'd have gone to war. When I was President and Germany wanted to assume control of part of Venezuela 'temporarily' I got Dewey and had every ship in the fleet ready down south of Porto Rico. And I got the arbitration I asked for because Germany knew I meant what I said. If it had been otherwise we would have had a German stronghold in Venezuela and most of the present war would have been fought right here at our front door."

Policemen Must Salute Flag.

PITTSBURGH, October 25.—Uniformed policemen must hereafter recognize the Stars and Stripes with a salute whenever seen on parade, according to the duty manual for 1916, issued by the department of public safety and just made public. The object of the rule, the manual explains, in addition to proper respect for the national flag, is to inspire in all members of the police department a livelier spirit of patriotism. It also is recommended that the same honor be accorded any funeral procession, but this rule is not compulsory.

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Georgette and serge combinations, satin and serge combined. Some embroidered in oriental embroidery. Colors are brown, navy, green and black.

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LOT 3—Shoe Horns, Salve Jars, Soap Boxes, Trays, Perfume Bottles, Files, Button Hooks and Cuticle Knives. CHOICE.....**25c**

Two Other Special Lots

Solid Back Hairbrushes in ebony, satin or boxwood finishes; all best quality, pure bristles and a probable not to be duplicated value. AT.....**50c**

Imported Toothbrushes, assorted styles; perhaps the last lot we will be able to get to sell at, choice.....**10c**

Kann's—Bargain Table—Street Floor.

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Silkoline Covered Comforts, floral and oriental designs; in light and dark effects; white cotton filling; scroll stitched; double-bed size; \$1.39 good weight. Each.....**\$1.39**

Kann's—Street Floor.

HERE IS "My Darling Chubby Doll"

We are showing you here a specially made doll, one of the most popular of all European-made dolls, and in consistency life-like in every way. She is 29 in. tall; has heavy, plump, marble body; enameled head of bisque; with brown or blue eyes that open and shut; and fine, real eyelashes; her hair is quite beautiful—is parted on the side with a ribbon bow.

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